

## **George Thompson Ross to Andrew Jackson, August 15, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

### **COLONEL GEORGE T. ROSS TO JACKSON.**

New Orleans, August 15, 1814.

. . . . I have forwarded my Monthly return and Consolidated recruiting return for the month of July to your Adjutant General by which you will find the Regiment<sup>1</sup> is upwards of Three Hundred strong exclusive of officers of which I have not more than one half the number allowed by law, and the greater part of them of little use in recruiting, being Creoles and not speaking our language. Among the French there are no recruits to be made, and of the spaniards who are here they almost to a man desert so much so that I have given positive instructions to the recruiting officers not to enlist them any longer but on the most unequivocal proofs of good Character. notwithstanding the difficulty attending

1 44th Infantry, of which George T. Ross was colonel 1813–1815.

my receiving funds for the recruiting (regularly) I am convinced that by the first of November the Regiment will be five hundred strong ready to participate in any events under your direction that will tend to their Countrys Honor and Welfare. . . .